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1. UNDRO HAS REQUESTED UNDP RESREP ADDIS ABABA TO FORWARD LIST OF URGENT REQUIREMENTTS TO WHICH UNDRC CAN CONTRIBUTE $20,000 FROM SYG'S WORKING CAPITAL FUND (WHICH WILL VIRTUALLY EXHAUST BALANCE IN FUND). WHEN INFO RECEIVED FROM UNDP RESREP, UNDRC WILL REQUEST $20,000 ON BASIS OF SPECIFIC NEEDS.

2. UNDRO SAYS IT HAS QUESTION OF SENDING PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ETHIOPIA UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT HAS NOT TAKEN DECISION TO DO SO IN VIEW FACT NEMBER OF UN EXPERTS ALREADY ON SCENE. ADDITIONALLY, UNDRO UNDERSTANDS FAO HAS OFFERED I.E.G. SERIVICES OF A SPECIALIZED REP TO ASSIST IEG AND NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE. UNDRO BELIEVES INFO IT CURRENTLY RECEIVING FROM UNDP RESREP MEETS FULLY ITS NEEDS IN KEEPING DONORS POSTED ON SITUATION AND SPECIFIC NEEDS. UNDRO BELIEVES AGRICULTRUAL RXPERTIZE NOT DISASTER RELIEF EXPERTIZE IS CHIEF
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MEDIATELY ABOVE PERHAPS INFLUENCED BY LACK OF UNDRO PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO SEND TO ETHIOPIA SINCE BERKOL AND ROSSBOROUGH BOTH AT US NY UNTIL DEC. 5, WITH RESULTING SHORTHANDEDNESS IN UNDRO SMALL HQS STAFF. END COMMENT).

3. UNDRC SITREP JUST ISSUED FOLLOWS:

QTE 22 NOVEMBER 1973. SUBJECT: FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

1. THIS IS FURTHER SITUATION REPORT BASED ON VERY RECENT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN ADDIS ABABA, AND OTHER SOURCES.

2. GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE OF PERSONS AFFECTED AND FOR WHOM ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUIRED THROUGH 1974, GENERALLY CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES, IS IN ROUNDED FIGURE APPROXIMATELY 1,600,000 OF WHOM AVERAGE THIRTY PERCENT ARE CHILDREN UNDER NINE. DISTRIBUTION BY PROVINCE AND GROUP IS: WOLLO, FARMER 846,000, NOMAD 54,000; TIGRE, FARMER 97,600, NOMAD 225,400; HARRARGE, NOMAD 220,000; SHOA, FARMER 60,000, NOMAD 60,000; GEMU GOFA NOMAD 7,000.

3. BASIC FOODSTUFFS EXTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FROM ABROAD THROUGH 1974 IN SUPPORT OF FOREGOING GROUPS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LOCAL PRODUCTION AND ASSESSED ACCORDING TO VARYING DEGREES OF NEED, RANGE BETWEEN 160,000 AND 190,000 TONS. OF APPROXIMATELY 53,000 TONS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED OR PLEDGED, SOME 22,000 WILL HAVE BEEN CONSUMED BY END DECEMBER, THUS LEAVING CARRYOVER OF 31,000 TONS FOR 1974. PROJECTED DEFICIT AS OF THIS DATE IS THEREFORE BETWEEN 129,000 AND 159,000 TONS.

4. FOREGOING ESTIMATES MAY VARY ACCORDING TO CROP RESULTS AS THE YEAR UNFOLDS, BUT IN VIEW OF GENERAL DISRUPTION OF FARMING CYCLES IN AFFECTED AREAS, INCLUDING PHYSICAL DESIBILITATION OF FARMERS AND LOSS OF WORKOXEN, OPINION IS THAT HIGHER DEFICIT WILL PREVAIL. POTENTIAL DONORS OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS ARE THEREFOER URGED TO CONSIDER NOW THE QUANTITIES THEY MAY WISH CONTRIBUTE AND THEIR APPROXIMATE DATES OF DELIVERY IN ETHIOPIA, BEARING IN MIND THAT ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES WILL BE NEEDED BY THE END OF FEBRUARY AND THAT ARRIVALS SHOULD AVERAGE SOME 15,000 TONS MONTHLY THEREAFTER.

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5. BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE LOSS OF LIVESTOCK, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL YEARLY REQUIREMENT OF THE AFFECTED POPULATION OF SOME 28,800 TONS OF MILK WILL BE IN DEFICIT THROUGH 1974. CHILDREN IN THE FAMINE AREAS, WHO ARE THE HARDEST HIT BY THIS DEFICIENCY, NUMBER CLOSE TO A HALF MILLION, AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 2. CONTRIBUTIONS OF MILK POWDER REPORTED TO DATE AMOUNT TO ONLY 184 TONS. EARLY SHIPMENTS OF LARGER QUANTITIES ARE IMPERATIVE IF MORE VICTIMS IN THIS VULNERABLE GROUP ARE TO AVOIDED, AND

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DONORS ARE THEREFORE URGED TO GIVE THIER MAXIMUM CONSIDER-
ATION TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

6. THE RELIEF PROGRAMMES IS BEING DIRECTED BY THE ETHIOPIAN
GOVERNMENT INTERMINISTERIAL NATIONAL EMERGENCY RELIEF
COMMITTEE, AIDED BY RELIEF COMMITTEES IN THE AFFECTED PRO-
VINCES. AT PRESENT THERE ARE 13 RELIEF CONTRES IN WOLLO, 8
IN TIGRE, 11 IN SHOA AND 2 IN HARRARGE, PLUS SOME SHELTERS
AND DISTRIBUTION CENTRES, THESE ARE RECOGNIZED AS INSUFFICIENT
IN NUMBER AND INADEQUATE IN CAPACITY AND SERVICES, AND THE
RELIEF COMMITTEE IS ACTING TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE THEM.
LARGE SCALE HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THESE PURPOSES IN THE
FORM OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL; HIGH-
PROTEIN FOODS FOR UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN AND MOTHERS;
BLANKETS; SHEETS; MATS; CLOTHING; SANITARY AND OTHER MISCELL-
ANEOUS CAMP SUPPLES AND EQUIPMENT, FUNDS ARE ALSO NEEDED
TO INCREASE THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATING RELIEF SUPPLIES, PART-
ICULARLY TO REMOTE AREAS INCLUDING THE USE OF HELICOPTERS.

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7. ALL THE FOREGOING REFLECT EMERGENCY MEASURES NECESSARY
TO HALT THE FAMINE AND MITIGATE ITS EFFECTS. ALSO REQUIRED IN
THE SHORT-TERM ARE FUNDS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF SEED AND
REPLACEMENT OF LIVESTOCK. MOBILIZING ALL ITS RESOURCES, THE

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GOVERNMENT PLANS SOON TO LAUNCH A CRASH PROGRAMME OF LONG-TERM PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE DROUGHT-STRICKEN REGIONS TO FACE SUCH CONDITIONS IN FUTURE, THE DETAILS OF WHICH IT WILL COMMUNICATE TO GOVERNMENTS AND BILATERAL AND MILTILATERAL AGENCIES UPON WHOSE ADDITIONAL HELP THE SUCESS OF THE PROGRAMME WIL DEPEND.

8. CONTRIBUTIONS AS REPORTED TO UNDRO UP TO 21 NOVEMBER ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) GRAIN 53,075 TONS, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA 2,000 TONS; CHINA RED CROSS 10,000 TONS; KENYA 10,000; SWEDEN 3,000; SWITZERLAND 75 (THROUGH ICRC); UNITED STATES 8,000; EEC 5,000; AND WFP 15,000.

(B) MILK POWDER 184 TONS, INCLUDING: KENYA 10 TONS; SWITZER-AND 20; UNITED KINGDON 10; EEC 120; AND UNICEF 24.

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(C) CHILDRENS FOOD 166 TONS, INCLUDING: AUSTRALIA 12 TONS; UNITED KINGDOM 5; AND UNICEF 149.

(D) OTHER ASSISTANCE: GERMANY $10,401 FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT AND $408,163 FOR PROCUREMENT TRUCKS; NETHERLANDS $98,425 TO ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS FOR PROCUREMENT RELIEF SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT; NEW ZEALAND $74,184 WORTH MILK POSDER AND BISCUITS THROUGH UNICEF; SWEDEN $432,790 FOR LOCAL PRO-CUREMENT SEEDS, FAFFA AND SOYA FLOUR; $119,048 TO LUTHERN WORLD FEDERATION WOLLO AND TIGRE PROGRAMME SUPPORT; SWITZERLAND 600,000 HALAZONE TABLETS; SWISS RED CROSS 2,940 BLANKETS; UNITED KINGDOM 3 TONS MEDICAMENTS AND 2 TONS BLANKETS; WQFP $200,000 FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT; UNICEF SPECIAL PROGRAMME FRO LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION, RURAL WATER SUPPLY, CHILD-FEEDING EQUIPMENT, MEDICAMENTS, CLOTH, AND FIELD STAFF; AND JUGOSLAV RED CROSS UNSPECIFIED QUANTITY BLANKETS.

(E) VOLUNTARY AGENCIES CONTRIBUTION INCLUDE: CASH FROM CHRISTIAN AID (UK) $24,390; CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS $568,308; DANCHURCHAID (DK), $46,098; DIAKONISCHEWERK (FRG), $171,429 PLUS AIRCHARTER 35 TONS EEC MILK POWDER FRANKFURT/ ADDIS VALUED $28,000; LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION PROGRAMME WOLLO AND TIGRE VALUED $250,000; OXFAM CASH DONATIONS $65,854 PLUS SALARIES, VEHICLES AND SUPPLIES FOR HEALTH TEAMS VALUED $29,268; AND WORLD COUNCIL CHURCHES CASH $50,390.

(F) RED CORSS CASH DONATIONS INCLUDE CANADA $50,000; DENMARK $17,391; IRELAND $4,951; JAPAN $33,000; NEW ZEA-AND $17,804; SWEDEN $49,947; SWITZERLAND $4,854.

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9. ALL RECIPIENTS OF THIS SITUATION REPORT ARE INVITED TO
COMMINICATE PROMPTLY TO UNDRO, BY TELEX (GENEVA 28148)
OR CABLE ADDRESS (UNDRO GENEVA), THE ACTIONS THEY MIGHT BE
ABLE TO UNDERTAKE TOWARDS MEETING THE NEEDS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
BERKOL UNDRO GENEVA. END QUOTE.MILLER

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